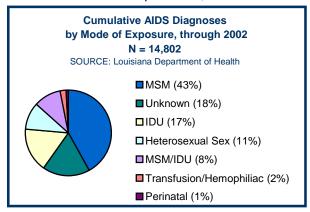
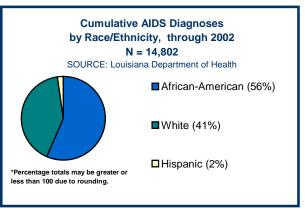


HIV/AIDS, STD & TB Prevention LOUISIANA

HIV/AIDS Epidemic

Louisiana reported 15,653 cumulative AIDS cases to CDC as of December 2003.



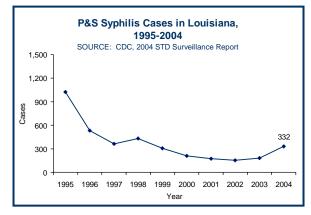


Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)

Syphilis

Primary and secondary (P&S) syphilis (the stages when syphilis is most infectious) remains a problem in the southern U.S. and some urban areas. In Louisiana, the rate of P&S decreased 68% from 1995-2004.

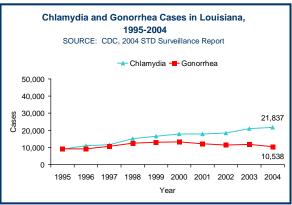
- Louisiana ranked 1st among the 50 states with 7.4 cases of P&S syphilis per 100,000 persons.
- The number of congenital syphilis cases decreased from 36 in 1995 to 18 in 2004.



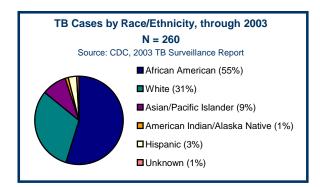
Chlamydia and Gonorrhea

Chlamydial and gonorrheal infections in women are usually asymptomatic and often go undiagnosed. Untreated, these infections can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease (PID), which can cause tubal infertility, ectopic pregnancy, and chronic pelvic pain.

- Louisiana ranked 3rd among the 50 states in chlamydial infections (485.7 per 100,000 persons) and 2nd in the rate of gonorrhea infections (234.4 per 100,000 persons).
- Rates of chlamydia among Louisiana women (758.4 cases per 100,000 females) were 4.1 times greater than those among Louisiana men (184 cases per 100,000 males).



Tuberculosis



Although rates of tuberculosis (TB) infection in the U.S. have declined substantially since 1992, rates among foreign-born persons continued to increase. In 2003, Louisiana reported

- ☐ The 9th highest rate of TB in the U.S.
- ☐ A total of 260 TB cases with 60% affecting African Americans and 29% affecting Whites. In all, about 13% were among foreign-born persons.

Program Initiatives Supported by CDC

HIV/AIDS

NO/AIDS Task Force in New Orleans, Louisiana provides HIV prevention services to men who have sex with men. The mission of NO/AIDS Task Force is to reduce the spread of HIV infection, provide services, advocate empowerment, safeguard the rights and dignity of HIV-infected individuals, and provide for an enlightened public.

Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)

The STD program established community-delivered STD prevention programs through partnerships with community-based organizations that target at risk populations for STDs. Services include outreach, individual level interventions, group interventions, and community awareness events. Town hall meetings are used to raise awareness

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HIV/AIDS	\$9,720,292
STDs	\$3,075,265
ТВ	\$1,278,857

among men who have sex with men (MSM) community leaders in New Orleans to address recent syphilis increases among the MSM population.

Tuberculosis (TB)

Louisiana is developing a statewide web-based TB patient management system that will allow for comprehensive TB case management throughout the state. The state's central office, regional/parish clinics, state pharmacy, and state laboratory will have access to this system which has been developed to overcome barriers that impact TB patient adherence and will improve TB program indices, such as completion of TB therapy for patients, suspects, and contacts.

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